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We understand this process may be challenging for the school community. However, we are taking all the steps necessary to ensure that the school is safe, and the health of our students and staff remains a top priority.

To learn more about what the District is doing to improve environmental conditions in schools, please visit the website at the bottom of this page. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please email environmental@philasd.org, or call 215-400-4750.

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